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**WHY NOT LAS VEGAS?**

The recommendation made by Secretary of War Dickinson in his annual report to President Taft, made public this week, after reference to the abandonment of remote army posts in the west and southwest, of which Fort Wingate, in McKinley county, is an example, has caused the El Paso Herald, a newspaper notable for its progressiveness, to inaugurate a campaign to secure for the Pass City a big central army post such as is proposed by Secretary Dickinson. What the Herald says on the subject is timely and might well be applied to Las Vegas. This city can offer a great many advantages that El Paso cannot, and vice versa. It would do no harm and might do much good for Las Vegas to try for the location of such an army post. Says the Herald on the subject:

"Arizona and New Mexico and even El Paso may lose their military posts if the recommendations of the secretary of war are carried out. The secretary recommends the abandonment of all smaller posts in the west and the concentration of troops in the larger centers, near a base of supplies and center of transportation.

"In a logical sequence of events, El Paso would become one of these large posts; but there are many other military centers in the country that have already secured military and congressional approval for brigade or concentration posts, and in this general scheme of recognition, El Paso may some of these days awake to a realization that the tide has gone

out and she has been left high and dry.

"While such a contingency is not probable; while the war department ought to realize the importance of this city from every standpoint which it urges as a necessary qualification for a large post; anything is possible, and when the scheme for abandonment begins, which it certainly will, El Paso may suffer as Arizona, New Mexico, and many other sections will.

"San Antonio has already been selected for one of the large posts. Another is located in Kansas and several of them have been decided upon in the east. San Francisco will certainly have a big post, and another, will be located somewhere in the middle west, probably Salt Lake or Denver, more than likely the former. There is room for a big post at El Paso—directly between the posts of San Francisco and San Antonio—and every logical reason why it should be located here.

"If the matter were urged upon the government, there is more than a possibility that instead of Fort Bliss being abandoned, it would be made a large post. The militia from New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma could easily be concentrated here for instruction, and it is the idea of the department to locate the big posts of regulars where they can be brought into frequent contact with the militia at the smallest expense. El Paso is on the Mexican border, and has more than ample railroad facilities; in fact few locations in the country are so favorable. The water is good, the climate excellent, especially for the recuperation of soldiers returning from the tropics; the market supply is adequate and every condition exacted by the secretary is good, in fact the very best.

"Therefore, there is every reason why this city should urge the establishment of a brigade post here, also every reason why the matter should be urged at once, lest, through some oversight as to the advantages of this locality, the post be swept off the official roster along with others doomed for official death.

"The lack of suitable land for target practice is the only objection that has ever been raised against Fort Bliss. This land is now available and should be secured before it is settled upon and becomes impossible for such a purpose. The government does not

believe the land is worth the price at which it is held and the people of the city could well afford to make up this difference—San Antonio did that in several instances when the enlargement of Fort Sam Houston depended upon just such a contingency—and see that the government gets what it wants.

"This must be done even if Fort Bliss is enlarged to a regimental post; the city has had this ultimatum hat for some time, and it is best to get to work at once."

### CHRISTMAS GOODS ARRIVING BY CARLOAD

Christmas evidently is not far off, judging from the appearance of the local stores. Already Christmas goods are arriving by the car load, and those stores that handle toys are getting them in by scores of boxes. The majority of these fun makers they are purchased at a surprisingly low price.

In all the stores the usual Christmas decorations are being made and in several these are to be even more elaborate than usual. The window trimmers, too, are planning their displays for the holiday season and everywhere there are many things to declare, that Christmas is almost at hand.

The stores are arranging for the usual holiday increase in help and all the merchants are looking forward to the biggest Christmas trade they have ever had. The Christmas goods this year are all prettier than they ever were before and contrary to general expectations they are very reasonable.

### FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

The Fraternal Brotherhood held one of the best attended meetings of the season at their hall on Fountain square last night, at which the annual election of officers was held. The officers elected follow:

Fred Phillips, president; Mrs. A. A. Maloney, vice-president; Jas. R. Lowe, secretary; Mrs. Anna McCall, chaplain; Hugh Trainer, sergeant; Ora Russell, master-at-arms; Harry Martin, inner doorkeeper; Jas. R. Baker, outer doorkeeper; Dr. W. P. Mills and

Dr. Charles Bradley, examining physicians; Edward S. Lewis, treasurer; J. B. Ament and Frank Ravel, trustees; Jas. N. Cook and Harry Martin, finance committee; Mrs. Jas. N. Cook, musician; Mrs. Jas. R. Lowe, corresponding secretary.

The newly elected officers all expressed their intention of earnest work for the ensuing year. After the business meeting refreshments were served and dancing and a general good time was enjoyed until a late hour.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES OF ELKS SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Las Vegas Lodge No. 408, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will hold their annual memorial services Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the lodge rooms in the Pioneer building. The chief address will be delivered by Attorney J. D. W. Veeder. The exalted ruler will have full charge of the elaborate ritualistic work. Appearing in the musical program, which will be a feature of the services, will be a quartette composed of Mrs. A. H. Tischler, Miss Minnie Kohn, G. W. Guy and George Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Kohn; a duet and a solo by Mrs. A. H. Tischler. Since the organization of the local lodge there have been a number of deaths among the members, and it is to honor the memory of these departed brothers that every year the living members gather in sacred lodge. Contrary to the usual custom, tomorrow's memorial services will be for lodge members only.

### IRRIGATION PROJECT TO RECLAIM 30,180 ACRES

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 4.—A certified check for \$2,878 accompanied the application of the Oasis Development company to the Carey Act board here for the segregation of 30,180 acres for one of the most feasible irrigation projects thus far broached in Otero county. Clarence T. Ullery is the president and John C. Enfield, the secretary of the company, which proposes to turn the flood waters of the Sacramento river, sixty miles south of Alamogordo into a natural reservoir site that covers 4,540 acres and will hold 103,450 acre feet of water. A canal of only 2,000 feet length needs to be dug to carry the water into an arroyo which would sweep the floodwaters into the reservoir which would be created by the construction of an earth embankment 5,810 feet long. The diversion dam in the Sacramento as proposed would be only thirty feet wide. The estimated cost of the project is about \$175,000.

A man with a pretty wife wants to take all the credit of it for himself.

Your money will go farther and your presents will please better if your holiday shopping is done at

**TAUPERT'S**

Our goods and prices are open for your inspection and approval. It will be our pleasure to show you through.

Opening Evenings After Dec. 1st.

### MUCH INTEREST IN DENVER LIVESTOCK SHOW

Stockmen all over the territory are much interested in the coming national stock show and livestock conventions in Denver during the week of January 8-15. The railroads are showing a disposition to give a fairly low rate. The Santa Fe has made a rate of one fare plus \$2 from all points along its line in New Mexico and Arizona, and the Denver & Rio Grande announce a rate of one fare for the round trip from Santa Fe and other points in New Mexico and Colorado.

The peculiar conditions surrounding the cattle industry at the present time have arisen so suddenly that there is more or less confusion in the minds of stockmen over the situation, and the Denver show and meeting is welcomed as an opportunity to get together and compare notes. It is promised that the stock show will be the greatest ever held west of Chicago, and the program for the American National Livestock association and the Beef Producers' association will be full of interest.

A large attendance of stockmen is expected from all parts of the country. While there is every indication that cattle prices will be high for some years to come, it is expected that at the Denver meeting in January the situation will be better understood and the result will be a general boom in the cattle business.

N. Leffen, the Paris clearner, has moved his place of business from the old stand on Bridge street, to the store in the Waisan block, next door to the Postal Telegraph company, in the store room formerly occupied by M. Cellers. Mr. Leffen solicits and will appreciate any patronage that is given him. The phone number of this establishment remains the same Main 387.

The woman who wears the shortest sleeve is the first to scold her husband if he has no cuffs on.

SEE OUR LINE OF  
**CHAFING DISHES**  
AND  
**Five O'clock Teas**  
FOR  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**F. J. GEHRING.**  
516-518 Douglas Avenue.

Shop Early  
In The Day

"THE STORE OF QUALITY"  
**BACHARACH'S**  
E. LAS VEGAS. N.M.

Shop Early  
In The Month



**40 Turkeys Given Away!**

As has been our custom for the last ten years; we are going to give away 40 nice fat Young Turkeys. Don't you want one? Easy to get one; all you have to do is to buy 50c worth of anything in the store, that entitles you to a coupon the number on that coupon will get you a Turkey providing you are lucky. The more you buy the more tickets you get. Besides buying at Bacharach's should be a pleasure, when everything you buy is guaranteed to be as represented; where you can buy as cheaply as anywhere else, in some cases cheaper, when you are attended to promptly and intelligently, where you find anything you want for EVERYBODY.

**Scarfs for the Head and Shoulders**

A most practical gift—A beautiful scarf. We have them in both foreign and domestic makes; printed or woven in beautiful colorings or spangled, with gold beads on blue, pink, black and white grounds—black with jet. The prices are \$1.00, \$1.50, 2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$6.00.

**Fownes**

Sent up from New York, a beautiful cape glove for men in tan, walking, welt seams, spear back—a perfect fitting glove, none are better than Fownes, an English glove at ..... \$1.75

A Llama wool lined glove, dressed kid, tan—nicest softest warmest glove, not clumsy, but dressy, at, pair ..... \$2.50

**Silk Remnants**  
At Special Prices

A lot of silk remnants of from 2 to 4 yards. In some instances there are some very desirable patterns for waists. So many nice little things for Christmas can be made out of these silks, now priced so low. From 98 cents for 2 yards, to \$4.00 for 4 yards.

**Ribbons**

All kinds from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 yards, to 10 yards, elaborate, \$1.50 yard.

All widths, all shades, beautiful Dresden and dowered patterns in each width or wider, suitable for slipper and opera bags, children's sashes, etc.

**Phoenix Knitted Mufflers**  
An Acceptable Gift

An acceptable gift. These comfortable and dressy mufflers are ample protection to the throat and chest. Made of finest mercerized yarns and washable. It is instantly adjusted or removed with a snap button on the throat. Made in all the popular shades and colors. We carry them in white, gray, flesh, cardinal, navy, brown, tan, light blue, wine, helio—put up in a nice fancy box. Same price as in New York ..... 50c and \$1.25

We Have Them For Either Men or Women.

**Extra Special for Boys' or Girls' Overcoats**

worth \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.50, in Cashmere, Flannel, Serge, Worsted and Fancy Mixtures, 5, 6 and 7 years, special ..... \$3.85

**Men's Fine Negligee Shirts**

We got from "Emery," another shipment of those nice, soft, neat negligee shirts, in French Flannels and fancy silk mixtures, neat grays, white or medium dark shades at values \$2.50 to \$3.50. but just because they were a closing out lot, we can sell them at ..... \$2.00 and \$2.50

GET THEM WHILE THEY LAST—ALL SIZES.

**GLOVES**

Elite, silk lined glove, Mocha, tan or gray, nice and warm, easy to put on or take off ..... \$1.75

Gauntlets for Women, Girls, Boys or Men, a large stock ..... 75c to \$3.00

**Men's High Grade Holiday Neckwear**  
At 50c



Did you know we were selling Men's Four-in-Hands, worth \$75c, at ..... 50c

The kind you get East at 50c, most stores get 65 and 75c for this kind of neckwear. We have placed all of our 65 and 75c holiday neckwear at, choice ..... 50c

Four-in Hands, including black and white, all pure silk, guaranteed.

**A Turkey Ticket**  
with every  
**50c Cash Purchase**

**TOY LAND IS READY**

SANTA CLAUS has his headquarters on 2nd floor where we have more room to display the immense stock of toys we have on hand—We invite you, bring the children.

**Remember We**  
**Give 40**  
**Turkeys Away**